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A Look at Media Bias

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2017: The Year the News Media Went to War Against a President

From Newsbusters...

The Media Research Center analyzed every moment of coverage of President Trump last year on ABC, CBS, and NBC evening newscasts seen by more than 25 million people each night. The study found that the tone of coverage has been incessantly hostile: **90% negative vs. just 10% positive.**

Google's New Fact-Checking Feature Targets Conservatives

From The Daily Caller...

“When searching for a media outlet that leans right, like The Daily Caller, Google gives users details on the sidebar, including what topics the site typically writes about. As well as a sidebar titled ‘Reviewed Claims.’ Vox, and other left-wing outlets and blogs like Gizmodo, are not give the same fact-checking treatment. When searching their names, a ‘Topics they write about’ section appears, but there are no ‘Reviewed Claims.’ In fact, a review of mainstream outlets, as well as other outlets associated with liberal and conservative audiences, shows that **only the conservative sites feature the highly misleading, subjective analysis.**”

Media Ignores Positive News

From Congressman Lamar Smith...

“Madame Speaker, the media’s daily barrage of negative stories have undermined the public’s confidence in their reporting. **The media continue to ignore positive stories about the President’s effective policies.** If the media were not so biased against the President, more of the American people would know the following:

- The 4.1 percent unemployment rate for the entire country is the lowest it has been in 17 years;
- Latino and African American unemployment numbers are the lowest in decades;
- The stock market has broken numerous records, adding significant value to Americans’ investment and retirement accounts;
- The economy is growing at 3.3%, the fastest in years; and
- Consumer confidence is at a 17-year high.

The liberal media should report the facts even if they make the President look good.”



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